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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/646,646 (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-2734), filed on August 21, 2003, entitled "STORAGE PLATFORM FOR ORGANIZING, SEARCHING, AND SHARING DATA", the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend paragraph [0002] as follows:

[0002] This application is related by subject matter to the inventions disclosed in the following commonly assigned applications, the contents of which are hereby incorporated into this present application in their entirety (and partially summarized herein for convenience): U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/647,058 (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-1748), filed on August 21, 2003, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR REPRESENTING UNITS OF INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INTERFACE SYSTEM BUT INDEPENDENT OF PHYSICAL REPRESENTATION"; U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/646,941 (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-1749), filed on August 21, 2003, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR SEPARATING UNITS OF INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INTERFACE SYSTEM FROM THEIR PHYSICAL ORGANIZATION"; U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/646,940 (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-1750), filed on August 21, 2003, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A BASE SCHEMA FOR ORGANIZING UNITS OF INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INTERFACE SYSTEM"; U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/646,632 (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-1751), filed on August 21, 2003, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CORE SCHEMA FOR PROVIDING A TOP-LEVEL STRUCTURE FOR ORGANIZING UNITS OF INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INTERFACE SYSTEM"; U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/646,645 (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-1752), filed on August 21, 2003, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHOD FOR REPRESENTING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN UNITS OF INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INTERFACE SYSTEM"; U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/646,575 (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-2733), filed on August 21, 2003, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR INTERFACING APPLICATION PROGRAMS WITH AN ITEM-BASED STORAGE PLATFORM"; U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/646,580 (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-2735), filed on August 21, 2003, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR DATA MODELING IN AN ITEM-BASED STORAGE PLATFORM"; U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/692,779 (not yet assigned) (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-2829), filed on even date herewith, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A DIGITAL IMAGES SCHEMA FOR ORGANIZING UNITS OF INFORMATION

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